



# Syracuse University Aging Studies Institute

Aging Studies Institute Newsletter

Winter 2018

Inside this issue: 1. ASI News/Events 2. News 3. Publications



## Jennifer Karas Montez featured on HuffingtonPost.com

Karas Montez article, “*The Assault on our Education System in the House and Senate Tax Plans Will Literally Kill*,” featured on HuffingtonPost.com , focuses on how our education level is one of the strongest predictors on how healthy and how long we will live.

To read the article, click [here](#).

## Alejandro Garcia Inducted to National Hispanic Council on Aging Hall of Fame



Congratulations Alejandro Garcia on being inducted into the National Hispanic Council on Aging Hall of Fame (NHCOA). Garcia has been bestowed this recognition because of his impressive work, which has helped to improve the lives of older adults in our society.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

### 2018 ASI Events

**Janet Wilmoth, Director of ASI, Professor of Sociology**

**“Update on the SU Big Idea: Health and Wellbeing area”**

**February 2, 12:00-1:00, 314 Lyman Hall**

**Kevin Heffernan, Associate Professor of Exercise Science & Wes Lefferts, PhD student**

**“Premature vascular aging”**

**March 2, 12:00-1:00, 314 Lyman Hall**

**Corinne Reczek, Associate Professor of Sociology, Ohio State University**

**“Queering aging”**

**April 6, 12:00-1:00, 312 Lyman Hall**

**ASI Year End Breakfast**

**May 2, 9:00-10:30, 312 Lyman Hall**

# ASI NEWS

## **Karas Montez paper on college major, health cited in Pacific Standard**

A research study co-authored by Jennifer Karas Montez, was referenced in the Pacific Standard article, [“Your College Major Predicts Midlife Health.”](#) “Compared to adults who majored in one of the most health advantaged fields-business-adults majoring in some fields, such as psychology/social work and law/public policy, have nearly twice the odds of poor health,” reports the research team led by Karas Montez.

The study, [“Does college major matter for women’s and men’s health in midlife? Examining the horizontal dimensions of educational attainment,”](#) was published in *Social Science & Medicine*.

## **Wolf, Arora study on PFL, nursing home costs featured in JPAM**

A synopsis of [“Does Paid Family Leave Reduce Nursing Home Use? The California Experience.”](#) written by Doug Wolf and Kanika Arora ‘15 PhD (PA), was featured by the *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* (JPAM) and will be published in the winter 2018 issue. The key finding is that California’s Paid Family Leave act appears to have reduced the rate of nursing home usage among the older population. This type of policy effect is likely to produce a substantial reduction in Medicare and Medicaid costs.

## **Andrew London and Aaron Hoy article on sexuality, marriage duration published in PR**

In their study, “Same-Sex Sexuality and the Duration of First Different-Sex Marriages,” Andrew London and PhD candidate Aaron Hoy find that different dimensions of same-sex sexuality reduce marital duration by 18-24 months among the once married, once divorced. Their paper was recently published in *Population Review*. To read it, click [here](#).

## **Harrington Meyer article on grandparenting published in IIA journal**

Madonna Harrington Meyer and co-author Amra Kandic explore the growing diversity in grandparenting in their article “Grandparenting in the United States,” published in *Innovation in Aging*.

To read the article, click [here](#).

## **Karas Montez research on health disparities focus of IAPHS article**

The joint research of Jennifer Karas Montez, Mark Hayward, and Anna Zajacova is featured in the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science article, [“How Does Institutional Change Produce Health Disparities?”](#)

## **Andrew London and Janet Wilmoth study on smoking, military service published in JDI**

“The Influence of Men’s Military Service on Smoking Across the Life Course,” co-authored by Andrew London and Janet Wilmoth, was published in the October 2017 Issue of the *Journal of Drug Issues*. The study provides evidence that participation in the military in early adulthood exerts a casual influence on smoking across the life course.

To read the article, click [here](#).

## **Merril Silverstein and Janet Wilmoth edited volume published**

Silverstein and Wilmoth’s edited volume, “Later-Life Social Support and Service Provision in Diverse and Vulnerable Populations,” was recently published. The book offers current, multidisciplinary perspectives on social support and service provision to older Americans.

To learn more, click [here](#).

# PUBLICATIONS

## **Maria Brown article published in Supportive Care in Cancer**

Maria Brown takes a look at sources of stress and support experienced by sexual and gender minority (SGM) breast cancer survivors and the impact of treatment on their lives in the article, "[Unmet support needs of sexual and gender minority breast cancer survivors.](#)"

## **Jennifer Karas Montez quoted in Scientific American article**

Karas Montez was quoted in the Scientific American article "U.S. Life Expectancy Varies Significantly Based on Location."

To read the article, click [here](#).

## **Jennifer Karas Montez paper on state policy, mortality trends published in AJPH**

Jennifer Karas Montez explores the importance of state policy contexts in understanding macro-level mortality trends in her editorial "[Deregulation, Devolution, and State Preemption Laws Impact on US Mortality Trends.](#)" published in *American Journal of Public Health*.

## **Ynesse Abdul-Malak newest Post-Doctoral Fellow at BBI**

Congratulations to Ynesse Abdul-Malak on becoming the newest Post-Doctoral Fellow at Burton Blatt Institute.

To learn more click [here](#).

## **Recent Publications**

The following faculty contributed chapters to recently published book:

Avron Spiro III, Richard A. Settersten, Jr, and Carolyn M. Aldwin (Editors) (2018), *Long-Term Outcomes of Military Service: The Health and Well-Being of Aging Veterans*. Washington, D.C. American Psychological Association.

Merril D. Silverstein, Andrew S. London, and Janet M. Wilmoth. "**Nationalism and Patriotism Among World War II Veterans and Their Baby-Boom Children**" (pp. 107-122).

Janet M. Wilmoth, Andrew S. London, and William J. Oliver. "**Military Service Experiences and Older Men's Trajectories of Self-Rated Health**" (pp. 125-145).

Scott D. Landes, Monika Ardel, and Ann T. Landes. "**Exploring the Veteran Mortality Differential: The Influence of War Era and Smoking Behavior**" (pp. 187-206).

Janet M. Wilmoth, Scott D. Landes, Andrew S. London, and Alair MacLean. Online Appendix A.: "**Recommendations for Defining Periods of Military Service and Corresponding Age-18 Cohorts.**"

Available at : [http://supp.apa.org/books/Long-Term-Military-Service/Appendix-A.pdf?\\_ga=2.39938018.1385711086.1510255884-1123567833.1458231863](http://supp.apa.org/books/Long-Term-Military-Service/Appendix-A.pdf?_ga=2.39938018.1385711086.1510255884-1123567833.1458231863)

Submit your news items, announcements, awards, personal accomplishments, jobs, births, moving, etc. to

asi-news@maxwell.syr.edu